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July 2, 2007

The Honorable Jim Weiers
Speaker of the House
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: House Bill 2403: election law revisions

Dear Speaker Weiers:

Today I vetoed House Bill 2403, which would have made a number of changes to the state's election laws, including extending the time frames for special elections to fill congressional vacancies.

Arizona already has one of the longest time frames for special elections to fill congressional vacancies. Of all the Western States, only Nevada (where the period can extend up to 180 days) has a longer period. This bill would have extended Arizona's time period to between 170 and 184 days. Such a period is too long for Arizonans to go without congressional representation. Other states have been able to conduct congressional vacancy elections in a shorter time period, and Arizona should be able to do so as well.

For these and other reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 2403.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano", followed by a horizontal line.
Janet Napolitano
Governor

JN:TAN/jm

cc: The Honorable Timothy Bee
The Honorable Steven Yarbrough

Passed the House February 26, 20 07

by the following vote: 59 Ayes,

0 Nays, 1 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House
Pro Tempore

[Signature]
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate April 18, 20 07

by the following vote: 26 Ayes,

0 Nays, 4 Not Voting

[Signature]
President of the Senate

[Signature]
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

 day of , 20

at o'clock M.

Secretary to the Governor

Approved this day of

at o'clock M.

Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this day of , 20

at o'clock M.

Secretary of State

H.B. 2403

HOUSE FINAL PASSAGE
as per Joint Conference

Passed the House June 20, 20 07

by the following vote: 57 Ayes,

0 Nays, 3 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

[Signature]
Chief Clerk of the House

SENATE FINAL PASSAGE
as per Joint Conference

Passed the Senate June 20, 20 07

by the following vote: 20 Ayes,

2 Nays, 8 Not Voting

[Signature]
President of the Senate

[Signature]
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

21st day of June, 20 07

at 8:20 o'clock a. M.

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this _____ day of _____

at VETO o'clock _____ M.

Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

H.B. 2403

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State